(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some projects are pending with Government for approval; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (d) Financial assistance in the form of soft loan and Grant is provided to Non-Governmental Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Human Resource Development and Research & Development Institutions for the development of Processed Food Sector in the country. These Schemes are project oriented and not state specific.

During the period 1997-98 to 1999-2000, financial assistance to the tune of about Rs. 2.10 crores was provided in respect of proposals received from Gujarat.

No proposal from Gujarat complete in all respects is pending consideration.

World Bank assistance on Shrimp Culture

4136. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank are assisting projects on Shrimp and Fish culture in reservoirs/ox bow lakes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, details in respect of Orissa where the same have been or being projected and achievements made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project (Cr. 2329-IN) is under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Inland fisheries component of the Project i.e. reservoir/oxbow lake development has been taken up in all these States except West Bengal. The number of reservoirs/oxbow lakes covered under the project and the net water area developed in each State including Orissa are given in the statement.

STATEMENT

Details of inland fisheries component under World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project (Cr. 2329-IN)

A-Reservoirs :

Project States	Proposed Targets		Achievements	
	Number	Area (ha)	Number	Area (ha)
Andhra Pradesh	99	23782	42	7613
Orissa	79	28364	55	24436
Uttar Pradesh	22	13379	06	4030

B-Oxbow Lakes :

Project States	Proposed Targets		Achievements	
	Number	Area (ha)	Number	Area (ha)
Bihar	27	2240	07	449
Uttar Pradesh	10	805	05	467

Coconut cultivation

4137. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been done to the extent of coconut cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise extent of coconut cultivation in the country;

(c) whether ICAR has done any survey on the number of healthy coconut reproducing trees in the country;

(d) to what extent has the ICAR taken care to ensure that coconut plantations remain disease free;

(e) whether it is a fact that ICAR has not been able to curb the root wilt and other diseases; and

(f) reasons for neglect of coconut crop by the ICAR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.